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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1100

Introduced by Assembly Members Low and Bloom

February 27, 2015

An act to amend Section 9001 of the Elections Code, relating to ballot initiatives.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 1100, as amended, Low. Ballot initiatives: filing fees.

Existing law requires a fee of \$200 to be paid by the proponents when a proposed ballot initiative or referendum is submitted to the Attorney General for preparation of a circulating title and summary.

This bill would increase the filing fee from \$200 to ~~\$2,500, and would require the Attorney General to adjust the filing fee in January of every odd-numbered year, as specified: \$2,000.~~ The bill would also make nonsubstantive changes to this provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 9001 of the Elections Code is amended
2 to read:
3 9001. (a) Before the circulation of an initiative or referendum
4 petition for signatures, the text of the proposed measure shall be

1 submitted to the Attorney General with a written request that a
2 circulating title and summary of the chief purpose and points of
3 the proposed measure be prepared. The electors presenting the
4 request shall be known as the “proponents.” The Attorney General
5 shall preserve the written request until after the next general
6 election.

7 (b) Each and every proponent of a proposed initiative measure
8 shall, at the time of submitting the text of the proposed measure,
9 provide both of the following:

10 (1) An original signed certification stating that “I, (insert name),
11 declare under penalty of perjury that I am a citizen of the United
12 States, 18 years of age or older, and a resident of (insert county),
13 California.”

14 (2) Public contact information.

15 (c) The proponents of ~~an~~ *a proposed* initiative measure, at the
16 time of submitting the text of the proposed measure to the Attorney
17 General, shall pay a fee to the Attorney General of two thousand
18 ~~five hundred~~ dollars ~~(\$2,500)~~ (\$2,000) that shall be placed in a
19 trust fund in the office of the Treasurer and refunded to the
20 proponents if the measure qualifies for the ballot within two years
21 from the date the summary is furnished to the proponents. If the
22 measure does not qualify within that period, the fee shall be
23 immediately paid into the General Fund of the state. ~~The Attorney~~
24 ~~General shall adjust the fee in January of every odd-numbered~~
25 ~~year to reflect any increase in the Consumer Price Index, rounded~~
26 ~~to the nearest one hundred dollars (\$100).~~

27 (d) All referenda and proposed initiative measures must be
28 submitted to the Attorney General’s Initiative Coordinator located
29 in the Sacramento Attorney General’s Office via U.S. Postal
30 Service, alternative mail service, or personal delivery. Only printed
31 documents will be accepted; facsimile or email delivery will not
32 be accepted.

33 (e) The Attorney General’s office shall not deem a request for
34 a circulating title and summary submitted until all of the
35 requirements of this section are met.